Price/allocation of APL Rice to A.P.

3639. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to reduce the price of APL rice and also allocate more rice to the State;

(b) if so, the details of the price of the rice fixed by the Central Government and the quantity of the rice allocated to the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh is being allotted a monthly quantity of 15,570 tonnes rice for Antyodaya families at Rs. 300/- per quintal (qtl.) 68,800 tonnes rice for families below poverty line (BPL) at BPL rate and 1,63,920 tonnes rice for families above poverty line (APL) at APL rate from Central Pool under Targeted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS).

At present Central Issue Prices of rice for BPL and APL have been fixed at Rs. 565/- per qtl. and Rs. 1130/- per qtl. respectively.

Food Corporation of India has also been authorised to sell to Andhra Pradesh one or two year old rice as well as other rice available at Rs.950/- per qtl. under Open Market Sales Schemes (Domestic).